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SUBJ: ILO CHECKLIST OF US-ILO CONCERNS

TRANSMITTED BELOW IS AN IN-HOUSE ILO CHECKLIST, ENTITLED
"RECENT DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO US-ILO CONCERNS,"
WHICH APPEARS TO BE A SECRETARIAT SCORECARD ON HOW
EVENTS HAVE UNFOLDED THUS FAR IN 1976 WHICH SHOULD AFFECT
THE US VIEW OF THE ILO.

BEGIN TEXT

1. MARCH 1976- DURING THE GOVERNING BODY DEBATE ON
"OCCUPIED TERRITORIES" (ISRAEL) THE EEC NINE SPOKE AS ONE
AND WERE JOINED BY CANADA AND AUSTRALIA IN SUPPORT OF THE
U.S. POSITION ON THIS ITEM.

2. MAY-JUNE- IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER INITIATIVE BY
THE UNITED STATES, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL HAD URGED MEMBER
STATES NOT TO TABLE RESOLUTIONS AT THE 61ST INTERNATIONAL
LABOUR CONFERENCE. THIS REQUEST WAS HONOURED BY ALL BUT
A SMALL GROUP OF LEFT-WING LABOUR REPRESENTATIVES WHO
TABLED THREE RESOLUTIONS ON:

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- (1) HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRADE UNION FREEDOMS IN CHILE;
- (2) FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE ILO CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL WORKERS;
- (3) STRENGTHENING OF THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRADE UNION FREEDOMS IN THE UNDERTAKING, THE ECONOMY AND SOCIETY.

THESE RESOLUTIONS WERE REFERRED TO THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE. IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE CONFERENCE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE EXISTING SUBJECTS ON THE AGENDA, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY COMMENTS, DECIDED NOT TO DISCUSS THESE RESOLUTIONS, AND EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TRANSMIT THE TEXTS TO THE GOVERNING BODY FOR INFORMATION, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE GOVERNING BODY'S NORMAL ACTIVITIES.

3. MAY- THE GOVERNING BODY VOTED 24-33-1 NOT TO INCLUDE A PROVISION IN THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE AUTHORIZING OBSERVER STATUS FOR LIBERATION GROUPS.

4. JUNE- FOLLOWING A REQUEST TO THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE THAT THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE BE AMENDED, THE OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE REFERRED THE MATTER TO THE GOVERNING BODY, RECOGNIZING THAT ONLY THE GOVERNING BODY HAD THE AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE. THE GOVERNING BODY VOTED 31-23-1, WITH THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES STANDING TOGETHER IN THE MINORITY, TO AMEND THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE TO AUTHORIZE OBSERVER STATUS FOR THOSE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE PLO, HAVING SUCH STATUS AT THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE.

5. JUNE- MR. MICHAEL O'LEARY, MINISTER OF LABOUR OF IRELAND, WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE 61ST INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE.

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6. JUNE- MR. MOHAMED ENNACEUR, MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF TUNISIA, WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE.

7. JUNE- MR. SUBROTO, MINISTER OF LABOUR OF INDONESIA, WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE.

8. JUNE- MR. WINFRID HAASE OF WEST GERMANY WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

9. JUNE- THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DELEGATE TO THE GOVERNING BODY WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRIPARTITE DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE GOVERNING BODY AT THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE. AS SUCH HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SEVEN-OFFICER BUREAU FOR THE CONFERENCE AND A MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

10. JUNE- NO RESOLUTIONS OF ANY KIND WERE SUBMITTED TO THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE.

11. JUNE- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE DENIED THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT GROUP OF THE 77 TO HAVE THEIR DECLARATION CONSIDERED ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH THE REPORTS OF THE FOUR WORKING GROUPS.

12. JUNE- THE OFFICERS OF THE PLENARY OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE, THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, AND THE FOUR WORKING GROUPS DID NOT INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EASTERN EUROPE. THESE OFFICERS CONSTITUTED THE LARGE WORKING PARTY ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO ASSIST ITS CHAIRMAN IN THE PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT FINAL DOCUMENT FOR THE CONFERENCE. THIS WORKING PARTY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND TO BE SO LARGE AS TO BE UNWIELDLY.

13. JUNE- THE SMALLER DRAFTING GROUP WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FORMED TO WORK OVERNIGHT TO PRODUCE DRAFT CONCLUSIONS OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE INCLUDED NO EASTERN EUROPEANS. IT WAS COMPOSED OF EMPLOYERS FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNITED STATES (MR. BLACKMAN) AND CANADA, WORKERS FROM CANADA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE GROUP OF 77 FROM THE PHILIPPINES, MEXICO AND INDONESIA (MR. SUBROTO, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE). THE TEXT PRODUCED BY THIS GROUP WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY AND WITHOUT AMENDMENT BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND SUBMITTED TO THE PLENARY.

14. JUNE- IN THE PLENARY OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE THE WORKERS' AND EMPLOYERS' GROUPS, SUPPORTED BY THE U.S. AND WESTERN GOVERNMENTS, SUCCESSFULLY RESISTED AN ATTEMPT BY THE GOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF 77 AND THE GOVERNMENT GROUP OF EASTERN EUROPE TO AMEND THE CON-

CLUSIONS OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE AT THE LAST
MOMENT. THE CONCLUSIONS, IN THE FORM OF A DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM OF ACTION, WERE THEN ADOPTED
UNANIMOUSLY.

15. JUNE- MISS KATHY BOCSKOR, U.S. GOVERNMENT ADVISER
TO THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE, WAS ELECTED
RAPPORTEUR OF THE TRIPARTITE MACHINERY COMMITTEE.

16. JUNE- THE COMMITTEE DEALING WITH THE PROPOSED CON-
VENTION ON TRIPARTITE CONSULTATION ADOPTED AN IMPORTANT
U.S. PROPOSAL BY CONSENSUS WHICH, IN A DIFFERENT FORM,
IT HAD REJECTED LAST YEAR. THIS PROPOSAL CALLED FOR
PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL TRIPARTITE CONSULTATIONS
BY WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS FROM THE MOST REPRESENTATIVE
ORGANIZATIONS ENJOYING THE RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION.
THE CONVENTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE PLENARY BY A VOTE OF
305 FOR, NONE AGAINST, WITH 70 ABSTENTIONS.

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17. JUNE- THE TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION
OF STANDARDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE ADOPTED
A REPORT CONTAINING A SPECIAL PARAGRAPH CRITICISING THE
USSR FOR NON-APPLICATION OF A RATIFIED CONVENTION, AND
THUS CONTINUED PRESSURE ON THE USSR TO CONFORM TO INTER-

NATIONAL STANDARDS CONCERNING FORCED LABOUR. HOWEVER, DUE TO ACTION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, A SPECIAL PARAGRAPH ON THE NON-APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION FORBIDDING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA, REQUESTED BY THE EMPLOYERS' AND WORKERS' GROUPS AND SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS, WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE REPORT. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO ADD AN ANNEX TO ITS REPORT CALLING ATTENTION TO THE OMISSION OF A SPECIAL PARAGRAPH ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

18. PRESSURES TO CALL FOR THE CONVOCATION OF A SPECIAL CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ILO DID NOT MATERIALIZE. INSTEAD THE CONFERENCE DECIDED TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR; TO REQUEST THE PREPARATION OF AMENDMENTS OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE CONFERENCE ON ALREADY AGREED PROCEDURES PROVIDING FOR REGULAR REPORTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE CONFERENCE, FOR CONFERENCE DISCUSSION OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET, AND FOR GIVING THE CONFERENCE A VOICE IN FIXING ITS AGENDA; AND, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE STANDING ORDERS CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL.

19. JUNE- ISRAEL WAS NOT AN ISSUE IN EITHER THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE OR THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE. NO ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED AT EITHER CONFERENCE AND ZIONISM AND RACISM WERE NOT ISSUES. BOTH CONFERENCES CONCENTRATED ON THE SUBSTANTIVE WORK BEFORE THEM.

20. JUNE- THE U.S. CONGRESS RESTORED THE DOLS 25.9 MILLION, WHICH REPRESENTS THE U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ILO FOR 1975 AND 1976, AFTER THIS SUM HAD BEEN CUT BY THE HOUSE JUST BEFORE THE EASTER RECESS. PRESIDENT FORD SIGNED THE BILL IN JUNE AND AN INITIAL PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED IN JULY.

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